



**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1616**

PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 2481.1403-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Ulrich STACHE et al.)

Serial No.: 08/897,455)

Filed: July 22, 1997)

For: CORTICOID-17, 21-DICARBOXYLIC ESTERS)
AND CORTICOSTEROID 17-CARBOXYLIC)
ESTER 21-CARBONIC ESTERS, PROCESSES)
FOR THEIR PREPARATION AND)
PHARMACEUTICALS CONTAINING THESE)
COMPOUNDS)

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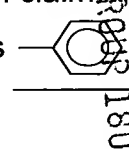
AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In response to the final Office action dated November 5, 1998, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application and reexamination of the claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 7 and add new claims 9-10 as follows:

7. (Twice Amended) A corticoid 17,21-dicarboxylic ester or corticosteroid 17-carboxylic ester 21-carbonic ester of the formula I as claimed in claim 2, wherein R(1), A, Y, Z, and R(3) are defined as in claim 1, and wherein R(2) is



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